

I. ASBESTOS ABATEMENT DESIGN POLICY STATEMENT

Where asbestos abatement design involves the design or modification of buildings, building systems, (including, but not limited to fireproofing, fire protection systems, building ventilation systems, and fire resistive construction), and utilities, or the consequent refitting of buildings, it constitutes the practice of architecture or engineering. Subject to the exemptions listed in Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.), Sections 62-2-102 and 62-2-107, asbestos abatement project drawings and specifications which deal with the design or modification of buildings, building systems, and utilities, or the refitting of buildings shall be prepared by a registered architect or engineer with competence and expertise in asbestos abatement. All such drawings shall, in accordance with T.C.A. Sections 62-2-306(b) and Rule 0120-2-.08 (Seals), bear the seal and signature of the registrant.

The above policy notwithstanding, the Board recognizes that certain aspects of asbestos abatement design which do not involve the design or modification of buildings, building systems, and utilities, or the consequent refitting of buildings may be addressed by a qualified certified industrial hygienist, as certified by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene. A certified industrial hygienist with competence and expertise in asbestos abatement design may develop a written plan and specifications for selection of personal protective equipment, employee training, medical surveillance, employee and equipment decontamination procedures, analytical requirements for monitoring, employee and area monitoring, temporary containment and negative pressure systems, work area clearance, and record keeping.

In addition, the inspection and collection of data as to possible existing asbestos in structures may be performed by a properly trained nonregistrant. Management plans and operation and maintenance plans should be prepared by a qualified registered architect or engineer or by a qualified certified industrial hygienist.

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